

T-601
415 Talbot Street
St. Michaels
private

c. 1850-1870

The two-story, two-part house that stands at 415 Talbot Street is a distinctive mid to late nineteenth-century frame dwelling that carries a stepped profile with rear service wings to the east. Although differences in roof height may suggest two building periods, other features indicate the house may have been erected in one period. The two-story, side hall-parlor house with its various wings has remained relatively unchanged since the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The northern section is especially notable for its Greek Revival style interior woodwork.

A gap in the chain-of-title between 1789 and 1866 leaves some question as to the original builder of the house. If the structure was erected around the final years of the Civil War, then Emeline Buckman would have been responsible for its construction. In 1868, Henry and Sussanah R. McMillan are recorded as selling the house and lot to John Nace for \$888, a price which suggests the buildings were standing at that time. The property has had a succession of owners between 1874 and 1983. Since 1983 Ladson and Cristina Mills have held title to the house and lot.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 415 Talbot Street

2. Location

street & number 415 Talbot Street

☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ladson A. Mills

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town Easton

state and zip code Maryland 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 580

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 136

city, town Easton

state MD. 21663

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

415 Talbot Street is a two-story, side hall-parlor frame house that stands on the east side of Talbot Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County Maryland. The house faces west with the primary gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1850-1870, this two-part frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with a combination of German siding and plain weatherboards. The medium sloped roof is covered with seamed tin. Attached to the back of each front section is a service wing, and standing behind the house is a two-room outbuilding.

The west (main) facade of the main block is an uneven three-bay elevation with an entrance in the southernmost bay. The four-panel front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. Sheltering the front door and stretching around to the south side of the house is a single-story turned post porch with decorative corner brackets. The adjacent two bays are filled with six-over-six sash windows that are flanked by louvered shutters. The second floor is lighted by smaller six-over-six sash windows which are also unevenly spaced. The cornice is boxed and trimmed with simple bed and crown moldings. The eaves extend slightly from the gable end. Piercing the upper portion of the south gable end is a triangular louvered vent. A stuccoed brick chimney protrudes through the north gable end. Extending from the east side of the house is a two-story, three-bay service wing that is finished in a similar fashion to the front block. Each side of the service wing is marked by an asymmetrical arrangement of six-over-six sash windows, and a partially enclosed shed roof porch is attached to the east end of the wing. A small louvered vent distinguishes the upper gable.

Attached to the north end is a slightly shorter two-story, three-bay wing that may predate the larger section. A four-panel door is flanked by six-over-six sash windows that survive with louvered shutters as well. The second floor is pierced by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that also carry louvered shutters. The boxed cornice is trimmed with a standard mid nineteenth-century bed and crown molding, however, the gable end is flush with the exterior wall surface. A louvered vent allows air circulation through the attic.

The east side of the shorter two-story wing is largely covered by a single-story, one-room plan kitchen that is covered with plain weatherboards and sheathed with a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The north side of the kitchen is lighted by an off-center six-over-six sash windows, while the south side is pierced by a board-and-batten door. A narrow brick stove stack rises through the gable end which is also marked by a louvered vent. A six-pane window pierces the wall space directly south of the stack.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

The interior of the entire house was not fully seen, and access was only gained to the northern half of the house which is now a drapery shop. The one-room interior is distinguished by a Greek Revival style mantel on the south wall. A paneled frieze is visually supported by plain pilasters. On the opposite, north wall is an enclosed winder stair. A beaded board partition and a board-and-batten door enclose the steps, and a two-panel door provides access to the stair closet beneath the steps. On the second floor is a simple square newel post and square balusters support a simple handrail. The door frames are simply finished with plain surrounds and plain corner blocks. A board-and-batten door provides access to a small closet fixed in the southeast corner. Access was not gained to the southern half of the house.

Standing behind the single-story kitchen is a single-story, two room frame outbuilding that is covered with a combination of plain weatherboards and vertical board siding. The cornice is boxed and the gable ends are flush. A board door and a four-pane window mark the south side, while another door permits access through the west wall. The north wall is covered with weatherboards and pierced by boarded over four-pane windows. The east wall is undistinguished. Inside, the rectangular space is divided by a board partition into two rooms, however, the original use for each room was not clear.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

415 Talbot Street is a distinctive mid to late nineteenth-century frame house that has a stepped main profile and rear service wings to the east. Although the differences in height may suggest two building periods, other features indicate the house was erected in one period. A full inspection of the interior would indicate the building sequence. 415 Talbot Street is a relatively unchanged frame building dating from the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The northern section is especially noteworthy for its Greek Revival style woodwork.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

A break in the chain-of-title between 1789 and 1866 leaves some question as to the original builder of the house. If the structure was erected around the final years of the Civil war, then Emeline Buckman would have been responsible for its construction. Two years later, in 1868 Henry and Sussanah R. McMillan are recorded as selling the house and lot to John Nace for \$888.(75/142) It is highly likely the house was standing on the lot at this time. The property had a succession of owners between 1874 and 1983. Since 1983 Ladson and Cristina Mills have held title to the house and lot.

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YEAR: 1983 VOL: 580 PAGE: 136
FROM: Robert D. Nailor PRICE: \$68,000
TO: Ladson A. Mills, III. and Christina P. Mills
NOTES See plat 1975, 36/14.
Conveyed to Robert D. Nailor by Terry K. and Terry C. Dunlap 1978, 522/259.

YEAR: 1978 VOL: 522 PAGE: 259
FROM: Terry K. Dunlap and Terry C. Dunlap PRICE:
TO: Robert D. Nailor and JoAnn Nailor
NOTES Plat 36/14.
Conveyed to Terry K. and Terry C. Dunlap by Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. 1977, 512/132.

YEAR: 1977 VOL: 512 PAGE: 132
FROM: Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. and Doris Grace Jackson PRICE:
TO: Terry K. Dunlap and Terry C. Dunlap
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. by Ida S. Caulk, PR of Elizabeth H. Fairbank 1975, 491/411.

YEAR: 1975 VOL: 491 PAGE: 411
FROM: Ida S. Caulk, Personal Representative PRICE:
TO: Elmer M. Jackson, Jr. and Doris Grace Jackson
NOTES Ida S. Caulk is PR for estate of Elizabeth H. Fairbank. Description is based on plat 36/14.
Conveyed to Elizabeth H. Fairbank and J. lvin Caulk by Lee Gillis as Parcel one, 1970, 286/403.

YEAR: 1950 VOL: 286 PAGE: 403
FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis PRICE:
TO: Elizabeth H. Fairbank and J. Alvin Caulk
NOTES Is last stage of title clearance. Begins NW corner of Dr. John Miller run with Talbot Street 60 feet to Clifton Hope; East with Hope 120 feet to Thomas Keithley; South 60 feet to Dr. John Miller and 120 feet to the beginning. Is lot number 26 on the plat of St. Michaels.
Conveyed by Elizabeth H. Fairbank, widow to Lee S. Gillis 1950, 286/401.
Conveyed to James Fletcher Fairbank and Elizabeth H. Fairbank by The Home for the Aged of Talbot County 1908, 151/125. James Fletcher died in 1950.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 151 PAGE: 125

FROM: The Home of the Aged of Talbot County PRICE: \$550

TO: James Fletcher Fairbank and Elizabeth H. Fairbank

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to The Home of the Aged of Talbot County by Sarah E. Ridgeway 1907, 149/330

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 149 PAGE: 330

FROM: Sarah E. Ridgeway PRICE: gift

TO: The Home of the Aged of Talbot County.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Sarah E. Ridgeway and James L. Ridgeway by Josephine L. Dunning and other heirs of Thomas M. Bryan 1901, 135/427.

YEAR: 1901 VOL: 135 PAGE: 427

FROM: Heirs of Thomas M. Bryan PRICE: \$600

TO: Sarah E. and James L. Ridgeway

NOTES The heirs were: Josephine L. Dunning (Phil., Pa); Charles A. Bryan (Adams County, Miss.); Richard H. Bryan (Stafford County, Va.); and Margaret A Bryan (Kent County, Del.) Under the will of Thomas M. Bryan (1879, 12/178) the income from his property was to go to his wife then sale of real estate was to be divided between his brothers and sisters.

YEAR: 1874 VOL: 80 PAGE: 368

FROM: John and Ann Nace, Hartford, Conn. PRICE: \$900

TO: Thomas M. Bryan

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to John Nace by Henry McMillan 1868, 75/142.

YEAR: 1868 VOL: 75 PAGE: 142

FROM: Henry and Sussanah R. McMillan PRICE: \$ 888

TO: John Nace

NOTES Same description.

Deed cites previous conveyance as "conveyed to Emeline Buckman by James J. and Jane B. Harrison 1866, 73/137". The relation of Emeline Buckman to the McMillans is not shown, nor is there any conveyance by Buckman to McMillan.

YEAR: 1866 VOL: 73 PAGE: 137
FROM: James J. and Jane B. Harrison PRICE: \$600
TO: Emaline Buckman
NOTES Same description.
No derivation and no previous conveyance was found.

YEAR: 1789 VOL: 23 PAGE: 600
FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p4 5s sp
TO: Elijah Marshall
NOTES Lot 26. A sale of one of James Braddock's original lots, bought by Wignal from John Thompson (1784, 21/417) and devised to Thompson by Braddock in 1782. The land was part of "Janes Progress" purchased by Braddock at the auction of Philip Wetheral's real estate in 1778 (21/66).

On the Tax List for 1798 Elijah Marshall is reported as having a framed dwelling house 26 x 16 with three windows 40 x 24, not finished.

On the Tax List for 1804 he has a lot in St. Michaels with a framed dwelling house.

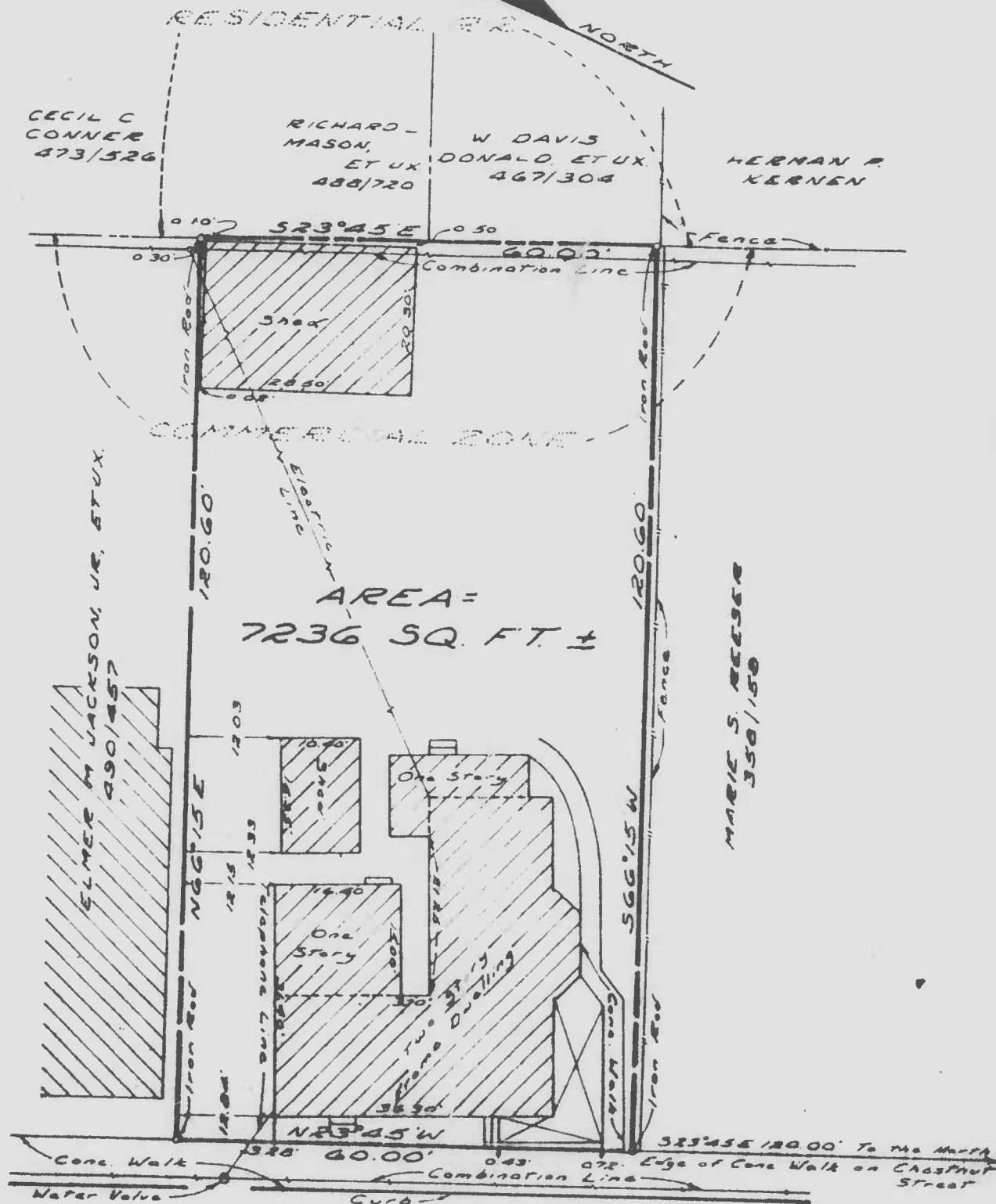
He is on the 1813 list with a lot in St. Michaels and a dwelling house.

Elijah Marshall does not appear further in the Land Records and information regarding him and/or his descendents (if any) has not been found.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY
THAT THE MEASUREMENTS
INDICATED HEREON ARE LOCATED AS SHOWN
RIGHT. *W. Davis*



TALBOT STREET

ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Candles, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Retail Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Stumps, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDAWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

N W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

ES DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

RED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ES ON, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

N S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheel-righting, and all work appertaining thereto. Indicate Machinery carefully repaired. Farming implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES SETE, Physician and Surgeon, Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

C. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

IN T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House," Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

ORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

E. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

IVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skilful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

ARRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meat of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

PT. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds by point.

OMAS BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

WILLIAM HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries &c.

S. KILMON, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DODSON Physician and Surgeon.



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415 TALBOT STREET
St. Michaels, Md. Quadrangle
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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

West elevation

4/87 Paul Touart, photographer

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Outbuilding, southeast elevation

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

East elevation

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.
Southwest elevation
4/87 Paul Touart, photographer
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